The Work of Propping Up the Assembly Ceiling Begun-The Trust Investigating Committee to Begin Work To-day.

ALBANY, Feb. 17 .- The members of the Legislature went home to-day to wait until the Assembly ceiling is propped up and law mak-ing can be resumed with safety to the men who hald heads. Forty or fifty men are at work. Four holes have been cut through the low, and excavations will be made down to the foundations of the Capitol. When this is completed wooden pillars will be built up to the assembly ceiling. The columns will give the assembly chamber somewhat the appearance of a circus tent, as the coloring is gaudy and the arrangement of the seats leaves room in the middle for a ring. James William Husted is at present ringmaster, and ex-Judge Yates is at present ingmaster, and ex-judge lates is temporarily making an acceptable clown. The adjournment is until Monday evening, Feb. 27. The legislators who stay here will go to Troy to celebrate Washington's Birthday. which will soon arrive, while the others go to New York for a brief season of wickedness before returning to their constituents.

The Ives Trust Committee goes to New York this afternoon and meets at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-morrow morning. They may ask the Mayor to be allowed to sit in the Common Council chamber in the City Hall. This will Council chamber in the City Hall. This will save expense and secure a central location. The work of the investigation will begin at once, as the committee is required to report the day the Senats convenes after the recess, it is not yet decided who will be the counsel, thought it is thought best by some of the committee that a New York lawyer who has not acoporation practice should be selected to take charge of the examination of witnesses and collection of cylidence.

mitted the examination of witnesses and collection of evidence.

Mr. Robertson Platt of Poughkeepsie, the author of the Poughkeepsie bridge bill and the friend of woman suffrage, introduced two liquor bills to-day. One repeals the Smith mandamus law, and the other limits the number of saloons to one to every 500 of population. In case the number of saloons at present exceeds the number of saloons at present exceeds the number of saloons at present exceeds the number of saloons is diminished to one to every 500 of population. In case the number of saloons is diminished to one to every 500 people. All saloons between midnight and 6 A. M. and from Saturday at midnight soill Monday morning must be closed, locked, and padiocks put on the doors. Any opening of the saloon for any reason on Sancay is made a misdemeanor.

Mr. thoses wants to increase the circulation of the legislature Record. It is now printed in pamphile form, and he wants it printed the same size as the Congressional Record. The official circulation is now 719 copies, which Mr. Rhodes wants increased to 1,000 copies. This paper has three stenographers for reporters, and aset of proof renders for editors. Its circulation can be placed at any figure desired by passing a bill to that effect. It is a good paper typographically, and the members' names are always spelled properly. It is a little tedious reading, but the type is large and the members' names are always in capitals.

The usual canal appropriation bill passed the Assembly. The total amount is \$507,000 of which \$670,000 are for the ordinary repairs and leck tending.

Assembly. The total amount is soot, too. of which \$670,000 are for the ordinary repairs and lock tending.

Judge Bobertson introduced in the Senate the Constitutional amendment that passed last year. It provides for an auxiliary Court of Appeals, composed of Justices of the Supreme Court appointed by the Governor, to aid in clearing the overcrowded calendar of the Court of Appeals. The resolution needs to pass again before being submitted to a ropular vote.

The Hagan fire-proof hotel exemption bill, the Connelly bill to open 138th street, the Husted Pacific Mail charter bill, the Dalton full-weight coal bill, and the Hamilton dentists license bill were reported favorably in the Assembly.

Mr. Blumenthal has amended his Church of the Redeemer bill by striking out the part admitting a claim of the church to an equitable right to the land.

The old Rowland Hill Niagara Falls claim appeared again in a bill by Mr. Haggerty.

Mr. Farrell of Brooklyn introduced a bill to extend the Brooklyn bridge to the Brooklyn City Hall. It is to go up Washington street on an elevated structure, with a depot on the block at Fulton. Washington, and Johnson streets, and an approach along the side of Washington street near the City Hall square.

STEALING ON FORGED ORDERS.

Itano Lover and His Alleged Accom Held for Grand Larceny.

L. D. Brown & Son of 486 Broadway presented to Jerkowski & Ernst, dealers in te trimmings, a bill for \$50 on Wednesday last. The goods had been delivered on an order presented by a young man, who said he was in the employ of Jerkowski & Ernst, The order was found to be a forgery, and Isaac Lesser, who had been employed by Jerkowski & Ernst was arrested and identified as the young man who had got the goods.
Lesser confessed, and said he had not only

forced the order on Brown & Son, but that in 1887, while in Jerkowski & Ernst's employ he 1887, while in Jerkowski & Ernst's employ he had presented thirty-seven forgod orders on Brainard, Armstrong & Co., 469 Broadway, and had obtained over \$1,000 worth of tailors' trimmings. He said that he sold the goods to B. Nachtigail of 99 Essex street.

Justice Welde, at the Tomba Court, issued a warrant for the arrest of Nachtigail yesterday, and Detective McAuley, who served the warrant, found twenty pounds of spool silk that was identified by L. D. Brown & Son as their property. Nachtigail said he purchased the goods from Lesser in good faith. In the Tombs I'olice Court yesterday afternoon Lesser said that Nachtigail knew the goods were stolen. The latter was held in \$4,000 on two charges of receiving stolen goods. Lesser was held in \$100 on a charge of grand larceny. Bail was furnished in his case by Minnia Gluck of 88 First street.

SCARED BY THE BIBLE.

Though Armed With a Letter From the Mayor They Fled From Castle Garden, One of Mayor Hewitt's letters bumped against a big Bible vesterday. A number of Germans and Slavs, headed by Herman Roth, complained to him that they had been excluded has been abolished, and he wrote a letter asking Superintendent Heinzman to give them hearing. At the Garden it was said that the hundred or more men to whom admittance had been refused were most of them old-timers, who had no claims on the Commissioners and who when once inside of the Garden get food and lodging and won's go out to look for work. When Hoth came back with the Mayor's letter. Clerk Silberstein was stationed at one of the gates with a huge copy of the Bible, and instructed to admit all of the men who would swear that they had been in the country no longer than one year. One man only had entered the gate and caught sight of the sacred book. He refused to take an eath upon it, and the remainder, learning of the proceedings, took to their heels, and in less than five minutes after the Mayor's letter had been presented not an "immigrant" could be seen around the gates.

Three Important Concerts.

Herr Anton Seidl will give three symphony concerts at Chickering Hall, on the evenings of March 2. 16, and 20. The services of the full erchestra of the Metropolitan Opera House have been secured for these performances, which will enlist, moreovar, the efforts of many distinguished vocalists. The programme for the first concert has been made out aiready. Its principal number will be Sichard Wagner's only symplony, which first concert has been made out already. Its principal number will be Richard Wagner's only symphony, which the composer wrote in 1892, and the rights to the American production of which Herr Seid has acquired. The symphony will have its first and only performance in New York in Herr Seid's concert, and, after this season, the manuscript will revert to Wagner's heirs who propose to keep it from the public eve. The other works chosen for the first concert are the overture to a a finale of Mozaris. Don Juan "music Frantins Lehmann and Ernent Fran Seid-Kanna, Herran Fischer, Sieger, and Sanger, and Herr Paul Kalisch will be heard. Herr Railech is the lyric tenor of the Serlin Opera House, and he is now on his way hitherward.

Policemen Thomas F. Hayes, from Church Policemen Thomas F. Hayes, from Church sires to West Thirtieth street and made precinct descrive, Edward V. Brest, from Oak street to West Thirtieth street, and made precinct detective; Patrick Preney, from Church street to West 100th street, and made precinct descrive; John J. Brady, from Norrisativa to hast Iwenty-secund street; Thomas Modert, from Mercer atreet to House of Detention; James Maloney, from East Fifty-first street to Bast Twenty-ninth street; Martin A. Binkh of thes canner Patrol te be olie; Robert Bichenbotham of Tremon: to violation corporation ordinance duty; Doorman anton Wood, from Madmon street to Hidridge street.

Howard A. Clark was appointed policeman at the Coleman House, and Policeman August Hargan was relited under the sixty year rule on a pension of Sci.O.

Whipped Her With a Cat-o'-Nine-Tails. Frank Sillinger of Orange was sentenced in the Quarter Sessions in Newark yesterday to three years at hard labor in State prison for inhuman cruelly to his six year-old daughter, a child small and delicate for her years. The testimony was that he inutally beat henge attached to a such, and squeezed her arms until they were black and him Witnesses described wounds made by the whip on the child's body.

THE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION. Representatives of the Branches Through-out the State in Conference.

Yesterday morning's session of the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. began at 10 o'clock in the Pilgrim Congregational Church. Madison avenue and 121st street. The church was crowded with the delegates and local mem-

bers, numbering about 1,000.

The first order of business, "The State Association; what it is, and what it has done," was introduced by the reading of the annual report of the State Committee by E. P. Platt, Chair man. The first convention of the Association, he said, was held in Oswego, in 1866, and there were then only 28 independent associations. The State Association was organized in Rome, in 1876, and to-day its membership includes 185 organizations, with 141 men employed at 84 points. Three new buildings had been erected during the year, that in Albany costing \$80,000. Rochester led in building subscriptions, with \$72,000; Utica \$61,000. Twenty-five of the seventy railroad branches are in this State.

In the afternoon the subject "The Junior Department—its value and how it can be made more efficient" was taken up for discussion, after an address by Mr. Francis A. Board of Buffalo. The newly elected Secretary, Theodore Voorhees, Assistant Superintendent of the New York Central Railroad Department to the fact that this department was accomplishing a great work. Brief reports were read by the delegates from the railroad branches throughout the State.

From 4% to 7% o'clock parlor conferences were held in a number of private houses for presidents of associations, college delegates, railroad delegates, district committees, members of association committees, and delegates engaged in boys work.

At the evening session held in the Harlem Presbyterian Church in 125th street the attendance was very large. The College Department and its work during the past year was the subject of an address by W. H. Parsons, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on College Work. He said that the past year had been a very noticeable one in the interest displayed by college men in Christian work. There were sixteen college associations in the State, eight of which were represented at the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Marvin R. Vincent made an address on "The Opportunity and Responsibility of the College Student, both Before and After Graduation." man. The first convention of the Association. he said, was held in Oswego, in 1866, and there

WENT TO A FUNERAL FIRST t Is Supposed That Pitspatrick Was De-

mented When He Shot Himself. Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, an expert account-

ant and brother of ex-Alderman Edward T. Fitzpatrick of the Fourth Assembly District, left his home at 94 Vanderbilt avenue, Brookyn, on Thursday to attend the funeral of Lizzle Kelsey, the actress, at the Little Church Around the Corner. About half an hour after midnight he came into the saloon of James Madden. Fourth street and the Bowery, where he was an occasional customer, and called for a glass of porter. After drinking it he went to the back room. According to those who were in the saloon, a shot was heard, and they found Fitzpatrick bleeding from a wound in the head.

Fitzpatrick bleeding from a wound in the head.

At Bellevue Hospital, where he died yesterday morning. Dr. Coombs thought that the wound was peculiarly placed to be the work of a suicide. It was pretty far back behind Fitzpatrick's right ear, but Dr. Conway said that the wound could easily have been self-inflicted. Fitzpatrick had been married ten years, and leaves a wife and two children. He had been employed in a lock manufacturing company in Brooklyn for many years as bookkeeper, and was a diligent, industrious, and exemplary man. For some time past he had worked late at night, and it had been noticed by his family that he was restless and excited. He was Secretary of the Order of Chosen Friends, a benevolent organization. In his pocket was a letter of a personal nature addressed to him and signed by Louise Watson, 40 West Forty-fifth street. No person by that name could be found at 40 West Forty-fifth street.

PLATING AT SCANDAL

The Stenograhers' Cinb Holds a Mock Trial for the Sake of Reporting It. The Metropolitan Stenographers' Association has its club rooms at 200 West Twentythird street, where the members meet for mutual improvement and for practice in stenography. Debates and readings furnish opportunity for the members to take verbatim reports. There was a mock trial last night.
Miss Emma Hoffman was the weeping plaintiff. She is a pretty little woman with dark wavy hair and black eyes, who writes short-hand in the office of Wyckoff, Seaman & Bene-dict. She told Judge T. M. Wall last night that dict. She told Judge T. M. Wall last night that she was a wilow who had known batter days, and had been forced to keep a boarding house. She averred in her complaint that one of her boarders, Mr. Williard Tracker, a stenographer, won her affections and then deserted her in a manner most shameful. Mr. Tracker, was not handsome, but yery fascinating. Stenographer James Feeley, who was counsel for the young woman, produced Stenographer Charles W. Morris as his chief witness Mr. Morris had first met his landlady at a ball. On one occasion on entering the boarding house suddenly he found her blushing in the arms of Stenographer Tracker. Stenographer G. W. P. Ramsey testified to other suspicious circumstances.

circumstances.
Stenographer F. M. Applegate for the defence
brought W. H. Hendee and Miss Mattie Allason brought W. H. Hendee and Miss Mattie Allason to testify to the defendant's good character. Miss Allason was sure that Mr. Tracker would never do such a thing. The jury, composed of the other members of the club, is still out.

Fire Smouldering in the Tallahassee's Cotton The steamship Tallahassee left Savannah on Wednesday and reached her pier at the foot of Spring street, North River, about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was laden with about 700 bales of cotton, 1.175 barrels of rosin, about 700 bales of cotton, 1.175 barrels of rosin, and 300 barrels of oil, together with lumber and pig-iron. She began discharging her cargo about 3 o'clock. Shortly after 7 o'clock, when the hatches of the lower forward hold were opened, a blaze sprang up from the cotton stowed below. The rosin was packed between the cotton and the sides of the vessel and was very near the fire. After an hour's hard work the danger was over. Sixteen bales were damaged by fire. It is supposed that the fire must have been smoldering during the voyage.

J. L. Jensen Back in the Democratic Fold. James L. Jensen, a Republican politician of Greenpoint, has joined the Democratic association of his ward. He has been a Repub-lican Police Commissioner of Brooklyn, and was the Republican candidate for County Clerk six years aso. When he signed the roll he said, "I am returning to the fold which I left twenty-seven years ago." District Attorney Ridgway, Eupervisor-at-large Quintard, and Justice Courtney, supervisors of the enrollment, wel-comed him back into the fold.

Justice Bartlett has decided in favor of the city of Brooklyn in the suit against the Jamaica and Brooklyn Railroad, which was sold at auction for non-payment of laxes.

The Park Commissioners propose to cust the present squatters from the sast side lands to introduce electric lights at night, and to have the lands guarded by mount-ed policemen. squaters from the east side lands to introduce electric lights at night, and to have the lands guarded by mounted policemen.

Charles Siewart, a son of James A. Siewart, a wealthy builder of 373 Quincy street, was accused yesterday before Justice Stenna of having stoice \$55 from Mrs Julis A. Foster while visiting her at her house 516 Greens avenue on Oct. 3.

Commander John McGowan, Jr., who has been on duty at the navy yard for several years, has received orders to proceed to Portamouth. N. H., and take command of the old man-of-war, the Senator. Faymaster Harris has been assigned to duty in the General Siercelseper's omes.

One of the wheels of a cab, in which Mrs. Muranda of 54 West Thirty-seventh atreet and her servant were riding came off in Hamilton avenue, near Ninth street. Brooklyn. estersey, and the horse, taking fright, and the street with the servant were riding came off in Hamilton avenue, near Ninth street. Brooklyn. estersey, and the horse, taking fright, out of the servant were riding to the box. It is received a severe scale would be to the servant were the servant were the servant were the servant were riding to the ser

CALLED THE EXCHANGE INFAMOUS.

Son, Pryor Stire Up the Fighting Blood of Lowyer Logis Com Ledyard, Charles F. Kuehnemundt of the firm of Haar & Co., stock brokers, who was expelled from the Stock Exchange in November, 1878, having been found guilty of "obvious fraud" by the Governing Committee of the Exchange, has brought suit in the Superior Court to have his expulsion declared vold, and yesterday the case was tried before Judge Freedman. Kuchnemundt paid about \$5,600 for his seat in the Exchange, which is now worth about \$30,000, and when he was expelled his membership was declared escheated and was subsequently sold

declared escheated and was subsequently sold for the benefit of his creditors. He avers that he was improperly expelled.

Gen. Heger A. Pryor argued for him that, under the constitution and by-laws of the Exchange, a member cannot be expelled until after one year from the date of his suspension, and that, therefore, this expulsion was void.

Gen. Pryor characterized the Exchange as an "infamous institution." which, because of its great weaith, considered that it could trample upon any of its members.

Mr. Lewis Cass Ledyard, who appeared for the Exchange, jumped up and exclaimed excitedly: "I don't propose to sit here and hear my client denounced as infamous."

"There is no evidence on that point, and counsel must confine themselves to the evidence, "remarked Judge Freedman calmly.

"I resent it personally," was the excited retor of Mr. Ledyard.
"I don't retruct it, all the same," replied Gen. Pryor, looking sharply at his opponent.

Judge Freedman stepped further controversy and reserved his decision.

THE 94-HOUR RACE Thirty-five Men to Run in the American

Inst tute Go as You Please, The entries to the 24-hour go as you please which will begin in the American Institute building at 11 o'clock on the night of Feb. 21 were closed at noon yesterday. The list includes Archibald Sinclair, George Cartwright, Sam Day, Dan Herty, Ben Curran, W. H. Burrill, Hughes, the "Lepper;" Norman Taylor, Bobby Vint, John Lawrence of Salem, Charles L. Williams of Philadelphia, D. Bennett of Canada, Edward Clarke, Sergeant Thomas Canada, Edward Clarke, Sergeant Thomas Snell, Hugh O'Connell, Marx Newman, Charles Edwards, Arthur Jackson, William Lawrence, George Barber, William O'Reefe, John Lewis, Thomas Helliy, Charles Andrews, Malcolm Me-Leod, Edwin West, Charles Boesele, Richard Herman, John Larsen, Charles Desmond, Joe Binesch, Nat Collina and four "unknowns" entered by Happy Jack Smith, Bloch, J. J. Mc-Carty, and Henry Newman.

Manager Noonen says this list is complete and will not be added to. Every man has paid \$10 entrance fee. The prizes will be half of the gate receipts, to be divided among the five men who make the most miles.

T. H. Noonen lives in Brooklyn. He was one of the charter members of the American Athletic Club and a member of the Harlem Athletic Club and a member of the Harlem Athletic Club and a member of the Harlem Athletic Club. As an amateur he ran in races up to twenty-five miles. He says he has taken thirty-five gold medals and so many silver medals that he lately had them all melted up into a large cup. He has taken po part in athletics for a number of years. He never was a professional. The track in the American Institute building will be four inches thick, and made of successive layers of turf, sawdust, and tanbark. It will measure tweive laps to the mile.

CALLED IT A MORIBUND GRIDIRON.

Mr. Conkling Finds an Epithet for the Met-Argument upon the appeal taken by the city from the order appointing Commissioners to appraise the compensation which the Metropolitant Transit Company must pay the city for the use of Broadway and other streets for its proposed elevated railroad, was heard by the General Term of the Supreme Court yester-

the General Term of the Supreme Court yester-day—Judges Van Brunt, Bartlett, and Macomber. Roscoe Conking and Assistant Corporation Counsel Wickes appeared for the city, and Gen. George W. Wingate represented the Metropolitan Company.

Ex-Senator Conking argued that the company has no existence, because, by non-user, it has forfeited its charter; that, even if it did exist, it would have no right to occupy Broadway; that it does not now in good faith intend to build the road, and has not the money to do it. He characterized the road as a "moribund gridiron," and intimated that the Manhattan Rallway Company had its hand stretched out to grasp it.

grasp it.

Gen. Wingste replied that all the company asked for was a determination of what it must pay for whatever streets it has a right to occupy. Deciaion was reserved. Poxhall Keene Ties One Hand Bobind His

CAMBRIDGE, Feb. 17.—Foxhall Keene of New York, who has gained quite a reputation as a gentleman jockey and polo player, is a as a gentleman jockey and polo player, is a special student in the class of '91 at Harvard. A few days ago Keene and a fellow freshman put on the gloves to fight to a finish for a small purse subscribed by half a dozen friends. The mili took place in the room of one of the students. Keene, who was the cleverer of the two, was to be handleapped by having one hand tied behind his back. They fought six rounds to a standstill, both men being unable to fight longer, and the referee called it a draw.

Trotting on the Hudson

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 17 .- Two thousand ersons gathered on the Ice on the Hudson opposite this city this afternoon to see the trot ting to sleighs along a straightaway mile track. Among the fast horses that appeared were Herrington's Ulater Belle, record of 2:18; Edwin Thorne, record of 2:16; and Nellie Medium, double record of 2:15\(\). There were many brushes and spurts, but no official racing. At about 4 P. M. Capt. John H. Brinkerhoff, who was driving Nellie Medium, and Frank Howell, who was driving Edwin Thorne, agreed to race three heats, which caused considerable excitement. In the first trial they trotted half a mile neck and neck, but Thorne won it, as he did also the second and third, but it was magnificent racing throughout. The trotting was kept up by others until nearly dark.

They day the Bark was Unseawerthy. The Norwegian bark Maude came into this The Norwegian bark Maude came into this port yesterday morning flying a distress signal. When she got to Quarantine word was sent to this city that she had a lot of mutineers on board, and the police boat Patrol went down after them. Four men were arrested and locked up in the Church street police station. They are John Shannon. J. Thomas. Alexander Hunter, and William Robertson. They say that they were put on board the ship atter the left her moorings in Savannah. William Robertson. They say that they were put on board the ship atter the left her moorings in Savannah. The same to look about they discover a son as they had saworthy, and they refused to work her awas to see any of the present of the same to look about they discover her hers. Gapt. C. Kruger coean, but offered to bring her hers. Gapt. C. Kruger was not on the vessel when the arrests were made. He was in this city, it was said, looking for men to take the place of those arrested.

A Homeless Widow and Her Children. Mary Wallace, a widow with eight children, the eldest layears of age and the youngest but seven months has for two years been janitress of Pythagoras Hall, and has had rooms next door, in a buildinglessed by months has not you years been janitess of Pythagoras Hail, and has had rooms next door, in a buildingleased by District Assembly 48. K. of L. She has been notified that her place is wanted for another woman. She appeared at Essex Market Court yesterday and asked Justice Patterson to commit her three little girls, aged 5, d. and 9 years, to an institution Justice Patterson granted her request, and gave her \$5 besides.

In the action of Jacoby & Bookman, the cigar manufacturers, to dispossess a tenant, Salvouleks, which was tried before Civil Justice Lachman, yesterday, the was tried before Util Justice Lachman, yesterday, the defendant's lawyer, Judge McCarthy made the point hat it had not been shown that Salvouska's rem was payable in advance and therefore he was entitled to reason until the end of his term, the rem not being due till that time. Judge Lachman dismissed the case on this ground.

Sporting Notes.

The 3-year-old bay colt Happy West, by Happy Medium, dam by Allie West, has been purchased by D. D. Clark of Hornelaville, N. T., from Barney Treacy of Lexington, for \$2,000.

Yesterday was the last of Brassdeld & Co.'s sale of troiting stock, and fair prices were obtained. There were sold to-day sixty-sevan head tor \$12,000 an average of \$100. During the four days' sale 200 head were sold for \$10,004, an average of \$200.

Base Ball Nows.

The Cincinnati team has opened the season in the time, on this occasion receiving al. He will go to the Juvenile Reformatory.

Charlities Commissioners Ray and Gott, after a personal inspection of the buildings at Fiatusah occupied by small-pox patients. Have pronounced them a discrace to the county, and have resolved to take immediate steps for the exection of a new hospital for contarious diseases. At present nearly 100 small-pox patients are growded into one small brick building and two dimay wooden partitions, which hardly after protection against the inclement weather.

John Daily, whose dead body was found on Thursday on the track of the Conscillated Hailroad, near hew liaven, and in whose pocket there was a memorandum with the address self-partition of the Conscillation of the Special Section of the Special Sect

THROAT GAME DOESN'T PAY. Benkruptey Staring the Chienge, Burting-ten and Northern in the Face-Railrond Commissioners Take a Rand In. Wall street watched very closely yesterday

for news of the meeting of the Granger roads at Chicago, Some people apparently expected tangible results at once, and these were disappointed. As indicating how the railroad men themselves feel about the probability of a set-tlement, it was noted that the Broadway agent of a number of the lines declined to make contracts even a few days in advance at the

present rates.
It is learned that a good many of the officials are very tired, especially those of the new roads. It is said that the Minnesota and Northwestern people expected to control a large percentage of the business between St. Paul and Chicago on account of the low rates of their road. But they find that at equally low rates, to say nothing of lower rates, the shippers prefer the old lines, and the new road is not the bonanza it was expected to be. This sort of thing staggers those who have put their money into new enterprises of this character, and who have still to ask the public for further backing to complete their plans.

The returns of the Chicago, Burlington and Northern road for December, which are on a par with other recent reports of that company. show that at least one of the freebooting con show that at least one of the freebooting concerns—in fact, the worst of the lot—is fast approaching the bankruptcy it deserves. Recently, when The Sun referred to it as a practically bankrupt concern, some of its friends in Boston held up their hands in horror. The figures show that the net earnings of the concern in Becember were \$13,112, which is at the rate of about \$180,000, Now, the fixed charges of the interest on \$2,000,000 first mortgage bonds (\$450,000, on \$2,000,000 debentures (\$120,000, and on \$800,000 car trust bonds just issued (\$56,000, make a total of \$256,000, or \$446,000 more than the concern is earning. The efforts to attach it to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Commany have failed, and it is probably the fact that they will have to take the concern in at some price that makes the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy people so bitter in their present fight.

Then sewent phase of the fight, and one which the companies are just beginning to appreciate, was indicated yesteriay in a despatch showing how the Illinois lialitosal Commissioners had followed the cut rates and fixed maximum figures above which the roads cannot go when they get ready to restore rates. Then the security holders are beginning to get after the compunies, and petitions to the Western Legislatures for more stringent restrictive laws are being circulated among the stock and bond holders of the Granger companies. One of them, which has been extensively signed, is addressed to the Illinois Legislature, and is as follows:

We the undersigned evers of securities of railroad cerns-in fact, the worst of the lot-is fast ap-

We, the undersigned owners of securities of railroad corporations operated within this State. hereby petition your body to project our interests by the passage of such laws as may be necessary to accomplish the folowing result; First-That State Commissioners have the power to pass upon applications from railroad companies to ad-rance or reduce rates, and that no change in rates shall be permitted without first receiving the approval of the

rance or reduce that the second of the approximation of the permitted without first receiving the approximation of the second of the state Commissioners.

Third—That the managers of all corporations operated within this State be compelled to give a sworn statement monthly of the sarnings and expenses of sarnings and sarnings are sarnings. heir companies.
Fourth—That any violation of these laws be considered a mislemeanor, punishable by fine and imprison-

ment.

Altogether it looks as if a good deal of pressure, both of circumstances and of interested persons, was being brought to bear upon the warring roads. The roads find, too, that the lines with which they connect do not propose to help them by pro-rating. The trunk lines have taken decided and effective action on this point, and now the Union Pacific and others similarly situated are taking the same stand.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Stock Exchange Sales Feb. 17.

WARRING GRANGER ROADS.

FRIDAY, Feb. 17. Judging by to-day's market the indications of a revival of business in Wall street that have been noted in this column the last two days do not appear to have been delusive. The long-delayed impulse which the street has waited for with a good deal of faintheartedness was at last administered to the market to-day. In consequence, a comparatively large volume of business was done. Of course a very considerable proportion of it was of a professional character, but no one expects the public to come into the market in a day; and it is cer tainly worth something to have a sufficient followstock speculation as a business, and who important movement in either direction. The this character appreciated the importance of the developments in the coal regions, and evinced their willingness to utilize them to

Concerning the event of the day, the termination of the most extensive labor trouble the coal industry has experienced for a great many years, comment is hardly necessary. The course which the Reading Company has pursued throughout this struggle will unquestionably be reflected, not only in the market for its own securities, but for those of the other coal companies as well, since all alike will par ticipate in the benefits the victory which the Reading Company has won. The advantage gained is no trifling or transient one, since the fight disposes of the issues involved for a good many years to come. The experience has, without doubt, been a severe and disappoint-ing one to the thousands of miners who envaluable one not only to them, but to any the limits of their rights and dictate the management of the property they are employed to develop and operate.

It is exceedingly interesting to note that the dealings in Reading alone to-day were more than three times as large as the total business on the Stock Exchange three days ago. Yet the trading in Reading did not overshadow the rest of the market. It may be worth some thing to the croakers in Wall street to observe that this change has not been brought about by the abolition of "tickers," or of the commission law, or by the destruction of the Consoli-dated Exchange, the listing of petroleum, or the establishment of a department for the pub tie audit of railway accounts. It looks very much as if confidence and a little leadership were worth all the devices referred to put toquicker.

gether. Certainly these last produce results The news relative to the meeting of the The news relative to the meeting of the Granger roads was all that could be expected. The number of interests involved and the magnitude of the issues to be disposed of are such that it is not surprising that the first day of the conference was devoted entirely to organization and an effort to formulate the issues. It amounts to something that all of the parties to the fight have come together and shown some disposition to improve the situation. Trustworthy information adds to the evidence already at hand that a good many of the officials, especially those who have their fortunes invested in the properties they are mismanaging, are heartily sick of the present demoralization. Besides, as noted this morning, they begin to see the danger other than that of compotition that is seriously threatening them, namely, adverse legislation.

Outside of Reading the trading was well distributed, and the movement of prices quite uniform. Missouri Pacific made an exceptional gain of 1% we cent. The short interest was of course something of a factor in the advance, and London came in as a considerable buyer, but the important fact is that the current of trading was given definite direction.

In the Unisted Department there were sales of Cotton Oil Trusts at 30% to 31%; Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic preferred at \$11%; Georgia Pacific 2ds at 49; Chicago, Santa Fé and California 5s at 103%, and Sutro Tunnel at 15 cents a share. The closing was strong, and in most cases at the best prices. Granger roads was all that could be expected.

at 161.

The statement of the Oregon Improvement Company for December shows gross earnings of \$371.207, an increase of \$106.738 over the previous year, and net earnings of \$75.773, an increase of \$31.20. For the year 1887 the gross earnings were \$4.167.709, an increase over the previous year of \$11.69.27, and the net \$1.166.-248, an increase of \$426.028.

The Treasury balances continue to increase: Totals. 822h, 275, 255 8228, 442, 816 Silver balance, \$47, 454, 198, against \$47, 474, 201 yesterday. Money in London 1% to 2 went. Discount in the open market 1% went. Paris savices quote 8 weents at 81.87%.

New York Markets.

FRIDAY, Feb. 17.—FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market was quiet but prices were firmly maintained. Stocks of desirable grades are light.

Corrow—Futures were introusious most of the day variable and unsettled, with no very active indusores at work. A slightly easier laverpool closed steadler, with the statistical position there, are ground one, and Manchester made a better allowing; but when Memphis, bleaker made a better allowing; but when Memphis, the way a bring sealing methactions was weak, with the built was a few points, and but the bears very cautious about gritting "short," [The report of increased receipts at Brunswich report of increased receipts at Brunswich proved theorrect! Column on the aport quiet medium prices have the color of the providence of the pr

Following prices:

February 18.70a. June 11.50a. Nevember 10.50a. April 12.40a. June 11.50a. Nevember 10.50a. April 12.40a. June 11.50a. Nevember 10.50a. April 12.50a. April 11.50a. Nevember 10.50a. April 12.50a. April 11.50a. December 10.50a. April 12.50a. April 11.50a. December 10.50a. April 12.50a. April 11.50a. April 12.50a. April 11.50a. April 11.50a. April 12.50a. April 11.50a. April 1

setive: sales 30 tons at 30% of for February, and 33% 33.00c. for April.

13.00c. for Live Stock Market. NEW JORE, Friday, Feb. 17.—Receipts of beeves 50 car loads for 1,360 head—26 car loads for an experier, 21 car loads for singhterers direct and 53 car loads for the market. Sales were slow, and the market was not satisfactory to either sellers or buyers but prices were further advanced about it cents \$1 100 ha, and the yards were cleared. Very common to choice steers sold at \$465.00 \$100 hs.; extra do, at \$5.70g. \$5.80; and 1 pair of fancy heavy cattle, 2,050 hs. each at \$5.15. \$1.10.

Receipts of sheep and lamba 3.876 head, and at least 1.03 were for sale besides that were carried over last night. The demand was limited, and the marked ruled duil and closed duil and deep eased, with more than a dozen car loads to sell at a late hour. Foor to good sheep sold at 1000 \$4 to \$5.70 \$100 \$8. and common to choice lambs at \$5.00 \$87.12\$;

Receipts of hogs, 20 car loads or 4.611 head, nearly all for alsughterers direct. A car load of light Michigan pigs. 105 \$8. average, sold at \$4.00 \$100 \$8., and good corn-fed hogs are nominally quoted at \$5.70.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Sun rises.... 6 55 | Sun sets.... 5 57 | Moon sets....11 11 SIGE WATER-THE DAY Sandy Host, 12 00 | Gov. Island 12 06 | Hell Gate. .. 1 57

Arrived-FRIDAY, Peb 17. Sa Lake Ontario, Campbell, Liverpool Feb. 3. Sa Old Dominion, Couch, Bichmond, City Point, and Se Old Dominion, Couch, Richmond, C Norfolk.

Se bel Pasca, Quick, New Orleans.

Se New Orleans, Halsey, New Orleans.

Se New Orleans, Halsey, New Orleans.

Se Temassee, Platt, Fernandina.

Se Hemassee, Platt, Fernandina.

Se Henser, Owg, Frogreso.

Se Tallahassee, Fisher, Navannah.

Se Weihaven, Sevald, Barracoa,

Se Eleanora, Bennett, Portland.

Se Seneca, Walker, Newport News.

Se Montank, Jenkins, Middlebero.

Se Ceitic, Irving, Liverpool Feb. 2.

Se City of Fitchburg, Davia, Fall River,
Bark Fuccess, King, Bordeanz.

Bark Ida, Torgensen, Pernambuos.

Es Britannia, from New York, at Marsellles. Es Lydian Monarch, from New York, passed the Limard. Es Elba, from New York, at Southampton. Its Republia, from New York, at Queenstown. Be Siavonia, from New York, at Copenhagen.

Business Botices. Won's fine Calf Shoes, hand-welt, 68.97 worth \$4. KENNEDY 26 Cortlands at, up stairs.

MARKIED.

MARKIED.

BARRY—HAVILAND.—On Wednesday, Feh 15, by the Rev. Henry W. Bailantine, at Bioomfield, N. J., Cora Lavinia, daughter of the late Samuel C. Haviland, to Alexander Carswell Barry.

GWOEY—BLAKE.—At Pan's Memorial Church, Edgewater, S. I., on Fuesday, Feb 14, by the Rev. H. N. Wayne, reck like of Nater Island, N. Y. 2008, S. T., to M. Haki.—Taki.ou.—On Tuesday, Feb 14, at Trinity Chapel, by the Rev. W. N. Donnell, D. D., Frank Taylor, to Capt. George E. K. Hart. all of this city.

RAY—FROST.—At Urace Church, Harlem, on Tuesday evaning, Feb 14, at 8:50 o'clock, by the Rev. J. F. Ohl, D. J. of Pomeroy, Ohlo, and the Rev. William Huckel, Mary b. Frost, daughter of the late Thomas Stinson, to the Sev. D. Brainard Ray, rector of the church.

TILDEN—VAN TUTLL.—On Feb. 15, at the Park Avenue Hotel, by the Sev. C. C. Tiffant, D. D., Barry Louise Van Tuyli to William Hiden, all of New York.

BLAUVELT.—On the 19th inst. Mary E., beloved wife of James T. Blauvelt, aged 65 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the innersi from the Methodisk Episcopal Church Homa, 19th av., 25d st., to day at 10 A. M.

BRUTCH.—On Thursday morning. Feb. 12, John Brutach in the 61st year of his age.

Friends and Neptime-Company of West Boboken First Department are respectfully invited to attend the fineral services at his Jaic residence, 100 Cambridge av., near respectfully invited to attend the fineral services at his Jaic residence, 200 Cambridge av., near respectfully invited to attend the fineral services. The lights, M. J., on Summer of Brutch and St. and St. and St. D. H. LET.—On Feb. 13, 200 clock F. M.

DAHLET.—On Feb. 13, 2va.C. Dahlet, in the 74th year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, 292 Av. A, on Saturday, Feb. fm, at 1 o'clock F. M.

FELLOWS.—In Boston, on Feb. 13, 1868, Amelia S., wife of Edward B. Fellows.

Funeral services at her late residence, Union av., near 185th st., on Sunday at 9 F. M. Carriages will meet the 250 train, Harlem Railroad.

FOWLER.—Suddenly, on Thursday morning, Feb. 14, FOWLER.—Suddenly, on Thursday morning, Feb. 16, 200 train Harlem Railroad.

For Auguston M. and Lydia A. Fowler.

Funeral private.

JOCK EL.—On Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the residence of DIED.

ster Niols, the beloved husband of Gesche Stois, aged years and 3 motils.

The stois of the stoi Turner, beloved husband of Mary A. Turner, in the 54th year of his set of the set of the

Special Motices.

NO NEED TO DREAD PNEUMONIA. DR. TOBIAS' CELEBRATED VENETIAN LINIMENT

PULMONIC LIFE SYRUP.

Atail times, but especially at this season of the year, the above preparations will be found worth their WEIGHT IN GULD for the household. Sold by all druggists.

Depot, 40 Murray st., New York.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for Children teething," softens the guma reduces inflammation, allays all pain, and curse wind colic. 15 cents a bottle. SHALL I THROW MY MONEY A WAY on a chesp experiment or buy a genuine Automatic Sew-ing Machine iron Wilcox & Gibbs S. M. Go. r. W. & G. needslion trade mark on every machine? THE YOUTHFUL COLOR AND LUS-TRE restored to gray hair by PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM. PARKER'S GINGER TONIC cures inward pains.

Dividends.

CHICAGO AND EASTERN ILLINOIS
CHALROAD COMPANY—Treasurer's Office, room
BIA Virst National Bank Building, Chicago, III, veb. 11,
1888.—PREPERRIED DIVIDES D. No. 1.—A dividend of
three per cent. (a per cent.) apon the preferred shock of
this company has been declared, payable March 1, 1888,
to stockholders of record on the closing of the books.
The treasfer books of the preferred stock will be
closed on Naturday, Yeb. 18, and remain closed until
Monday, March 5, 1888.

C. W. BILLLARD, Treasurer. C. W. HILLARD. Treasurer.

C. W. HILLARD. Treasurer.

C. W. GOMPAN D. ELFANA. COAL B. ALL.

First National Bank Busiding. Chicago. Ill., Feb. 11, 1884.

Fillippe RRED DIVIEND. No. 2—A quarterly divisend of one and one half per cent. (15 per cent.) upon
the preferred stock of this company has been declared,
pavalle Barch 1, 1888, to stockholders of record on the
closing of the books.

The transfer books of the preferred stock will be
given to the transfer books of the preferred stock will be
given to the transfer. Mew Bublications.

Ballet in Paris. BY THEODORE CHILD.

PROPUSELY ILLUSTRATED

IN COLORS.

Is the leading article in THE COSMOPOLITAN FOR PERRUARY.

Other Attractions are: Winter in the White Zone.

By Lieut. Frederick Schwatta. Fully illustrated by Snyder. Hunting and Trapping in Canada. By J. Macdonald Oxley. Richly Illustrated by Edwards.

By H. H. Boyesen. Mountain Life in Tennessee. By Lee Meriwether.

Are Women Companionable to Men?

The Crown Prince of Germany.

By Junios Heari Browns. International Copyright.

By H. H. Boyesen A Tartar Tea Party in the Desert. By David Ker. Three Brilliant Short Stories.

By R. M. Johnston, Octave Position, and Alexander L. Kinkend. PRICE, SO CENTS; SO A YEAR. THE COSMOPOLITAN, 29 Park Row, New York,

BALLS OF THE WEEK.

GRAPHIC REPORTS OF THE CARNIVAL OF THE NEW YORK MANUERCEON BIOHENERANE MARQUERADE, BALL OF THE CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S ASSOC

TION. SONS OF LIBERTY RECEPTION DANCE OF THE RETAIL BUTCHERS. AND NUMBROUS OTHER ATTRACTIVE ENTERSALE

See To-morrow's Sunday Mercury. PARADISE,

PARADISM. A MOVEL

Per mie se By LLOYD S. BRYCE. erentanos and all bookskilers. Price, 35 cents.

financial.

Houston & Texas Central Reorganization.

THE CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK. THE PURCHASING TRUSTER UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR THE REGREANIZATION OF THE HOUS-TON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, DATED DEC. 20, 1887, HERBBY GIVES NOTICE THAT UPWARD OF SIXTY PER CENT, OF EACH OF THE CLASSES OF THE BONDS OF BAID RAIL-WAY COMPANY, OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED UPON THE WACO AND NORTHWESTERN DIVISION, HAVE ASSENTED TO SAID AGREEMENT, AND THAY THE SAID TRUST COMPANY WILL NOW PROGRED WITH THE FURTHER EXECUTION OF THE DUTIES IMPOSED UPON AND ASSUMED BY IT AS FUR-CHASING TRUSTEE UNDER THE SAME BONDS OF THE SEVERAL CLASSES WILL BE RE-CRIVED BY THE TRUST COMPANY UP TO AND IN CLUDING THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, INSTANT

BONDS DEPOSITED AFTER THAT TY OF TWENTY DOLLARS UPON BACH AND EVERY BOND SO DEPOSITED. CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

PURCHASING TRUSTER BY F. P. OLCOTT,

NEW YORK, FEB. 15, 1888.

28 WALL ST. NEW YORK, PER. 17, 1806. REORGANIZATION OF THE

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. In accordance with the terms of the reorga

Series "B" Bonds. Currency Bonds, Deferred Interest Scrip, First Preferred Stock, Second Preferred Stock. Common Stock,

CHESA. PEAKE AND OHIO BAILWAT COMPANY

Are requested to deposit their securities at eace with DREXEL, MORGAN & CO., 23 Wall st. New York whe will issue negotiable receipts therefor, and from whom copies of the reorganization agreement and all other information may be obtained.

Due notice will be given by the Reorganization Committee when and as the assessments on stock specified in the plan are required to be paid.

The right is reserved to terminate the privilege of the The right is reserved to terminate the privilege of de-positing securities and participating in the reorganisa-tion or to fix possities under which further deposits will be received.

DREXEL, MORGAN & CO., DEPOSITORIES.

C. H. COSTER, R. J. CHOMAS.

TO WABASH BONDHOLDERS

On Lines East of the Mississippi River. Owing to delay of the bank note company, the en-graved certificates for Wabash bonds are not yet fur-

nished to the trust company.

The committees will therefore extend the limit of time for deposits until after the listed certificates are ready for delivery.

Five days notice by advertisement will be given before any penalty is required.

More than \$18,000.000 out of a total of about \$28,000,000 have already been deposited or signed for assuring beyond question the successful reorganization of the property on the basis proposed.

Pamphiets giving details of the reorganization may be obtained from the Central Trust Company, 56 Wall st.

THOS. IL HURBARD. Purchasting EDG AR T. WELLES, Committee, CYRUS J. LAWRENCE,
BENRY K. McHARG.
THOS. B. ATKINS.
JOHN T. TERRY.
P. S. LAWRENCE,

NEW YORK, Pete it 1888. IRVING A. EVANS & CO., BANKERS AND BROKERS,

BOSTON, NEW YORK, AND PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGES Stock Exchange Building,